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26 February 1960

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD  
COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTATION

MEMORANDUM FOR: Committee on Documentation

SUBJECT : Approval of the Introduction and Numeric Notation  
Assigned to the Area Classification Code

1. The attached Introduction and the numeric notation submitted by the Area Working Group memorandum, AC-D-4, dated 26 February 1960, are forwarded for your approval.

2. Will you please telephone your concurrence or suggestions to the undersigned no later than 4 March 1960.

Secretary

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CODIB-AC-D-4  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, CODIB

SUBJECT : Approval of Introduction and Application of Numeric  
Notation for the Area Classification Code.

1. In accordance with CODIB instruction (CODIB-M-16, dated 1 October 1959) a numeric notation, in addition to the alphabetic notation, has been applied to the Area Classification Code.
2. Submitted herewith for CODIB approval is the proposed introduction with sample pages from the Code illustrating the two notation schemes agreed upon by the Working Group members.
3. Early approval is necessary so that the Area Classification Code can be printed and distributed with the revised edition of the Intelligence Subject Code.



Chairman  
Area Classification Working Group

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Attachment:  
As stated above.

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## AREA CLASSIFICATION CODE

The Area Classification Code has been developed under the auspices of the USIB Committee on Documentation for use in conjunction with the Intelligence Subject Code. However, the code may be used independently as an area classification scheme to index maps and documents which are indexed only geographically.

The Area Classification Code consists of two parts. Part I is the organizational listing of all political or geographic units. Part II is an alphabetical listing of all political or geographical units regardless of administrative level with cross references where name or political changes and alternate names make them necessary for proper identification.

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The 2nd order of organization represents countries within continents, republics within the USSR, oceans and international organizations. The 3rd order of organization represents administrative subdivisions within a country, smaller bodies of water within oceans, and significant councils and committees of organizations.

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